



	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	8	-	20	=	0	\$18	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	3	-	3	=	0	\$84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

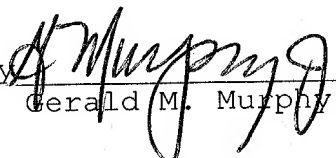
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- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: Takanori OKA Conf.: 8292
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For: NUCLEIC ACID ASSAY PROCESS AND ASSAY KIT

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 17, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 19, lines 14-25 with the following amended paragraph:

H. --The procedure of excessiveness determination is not particularly limited, and the excessiveness may be typically determined such that, when the detection limit selected for the target DNA which is the same as the labeled standard DNA and which is present in the sample DNA is A/B, the excessiveness of the sample DNA may be at least B/A, preferably 1.5B/A, and more preferably 2B/A to 1000B/A. The sample DNA may be preliminarily